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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 25, 34 and 43 as follows:

1. (Previously Presented) A reduced image forming apparatus comprising:

recording means for recording a plurality of images;

dividing means for dividing each of the plurality of images into a plurality of image blocks;

extracting means for extracting a plurality of partial images from each of the plurality of image blocks, the partial images being of a size in accordance with a reduction ratio from each respective block;

generating means for combining the plurality of partial images extracted by said extracting means and generating a plurality of combined images, which correspond to respective ones of the plurality of images, smaller than the original image; and

indicating means for indicating the plurality of combined images generated by said generating means.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said dividing means divides said original image into a plurality of uniform image blocks.

4. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said extracting means obtains the partial image at a same position in each image block.